(ii) Effective water spray system at various dusty areas of Coal Handling Plant, Blast Furnaces, etc. for dust suppression;

(iii) Istallation or self sealing doors at No. 8 and 9 Coke Oven Batteries;

(iv) Regular repairing of steam leakages for reducing noise level;

(v) Regular drive to improve overall house keeping work including frequent inspection of hazardous and fire prone areas;

(vi) All damaged|worn out toxic gas transmission lines, as identified by special Inspection Committee, changed to improve working environment.

(vii) Plantation of trees, etc.

Functioning of Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel

4252. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present functions and activities of Development Commissioner of Iron and Steel after decontrol of steel;

(b) whether Development Commissioner of Iron and Steel is still having the distribution control for specific sectors; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and power conferred after decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The present functions of the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel are at Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, would ensure distribution of iron and steel materials on priority to the designated sectors, i.e., Defence, Railways, small scale industries sector, the exporters of engineering goods and the North Eastern States.

Administrative instructions have been issued to the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel to ensure supply of iron and steel materials on priority to these sectors.

Statement

Present functions of the Office of the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel

With deregulation of distribution and pricing of iron and steel, the major functions of the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel are as follows:

(a) Collection, processing and dissemination of basic information relating to the iron ad steel industry and to act as the data bank of the Ministry of Steel;

(b) Monitoring of regional price and supply trends and suggesting to the Ministry the remedial measures for correcting the imbalances, if any;

(c) Clearances in respect of import and export of iron and steel materials and their monitoring;

(d) Advise on matters relating to import and export policies of iron and steel.

(e) Management of distribution of iron and steel materials to the newly designated priority sector such as Defence, Railways, State Small Industries Corporations, Engineering Goods and the North-Eastern States;

(f) Allocation of materials to the State Small Scale Industries Corporations;

(g) Allocations of material to remote area like North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands;

(h) Assistance to Engineering Goods Export units through priority allocations and monitorng thereof;

(i) Operation of the Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund and the Steel Development Fund.

(j) Rendering assistance to the Electric are furnace for units and the secondary sector by way of capacity assessment, assistance in procurement of indigenous and imported raw materials and import substitution measures, aiming at the overall development of the sector.

(k) Interface between the Government and the different consumer groups

and to facilitate consumer-producer interaction;

(l) Matters relating to Export of Steel to Nepal and Bhutan.

(m) Coordination for movement of raw material to steel plants;

(n) Provide vigilance functions to prevent misuse of steel obtained from regulated sources.

Iron Ore

4253. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron ore continues to be one of the major mine products which is both exported and consumed within the country in substantial quantity;

(b) the details of iron ore mined in the respective States and quantities alnogwith the quantities exported, country-wise, and consumed indigenously year-wise during the 7th Plan period and upto 31st December, 1991;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Steel Plants in public and private sectors own iron ore mines and mine the ore for their own consumption; and

(d) if so, details of such Steel Plants alongwith quantities mined and consumed during the periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Iron Ore production state-wise, and domestic consumption, are at Annexure. (See Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 91) Country-wise exports of Iron Ore at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 92)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Apart from Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), which is a central Public Sector Undertaking operating Iron Ore Mines as captive to its requirements, Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited (TISCO) have also its own captive Iron Ore Mines. Details are at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 93)

Demolition of Slums

4254. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new National Housing Policy aims at discouraging the demolition of slums;

(b) if so, whether Government have abandoned the slum clearance projects; and

(c) the steps proopsed to be taken by Government to improve the living conditions of the slum-dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Housing is a State subject and it is therefore the responsibility of the State Governments to formulate various schemes for slum improvement. The approach of the Government is to emphasise in-situ upgradation and provision of basic services in slums and squatter settlements. This is supported under ongoing schemes for environmental improvement of slums, urban basic services and shelter upgradation for the urban poor.

गौरी शंकर मन्दिर, चांदनी चौक दिल्ली

4255. **श्री सच्चिदानन्द :**
श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्त :
श्री दयानन्द सहाय :
श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 फरवरी, 1992 के इंडियन एक्सप्रैस में "टैम्पुल बेसमेंट बोइंग इल्लीगली अल्टर्ड इन गौरी शंकर टेम्पुल, चांदनी चौक, दिल्ली" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि निगम के प्राधिकारियों से उचित अनुमोदन प्राप्त किए बिना ही भवन के मूल उद्देश्य को परिवर्तित कर दिया